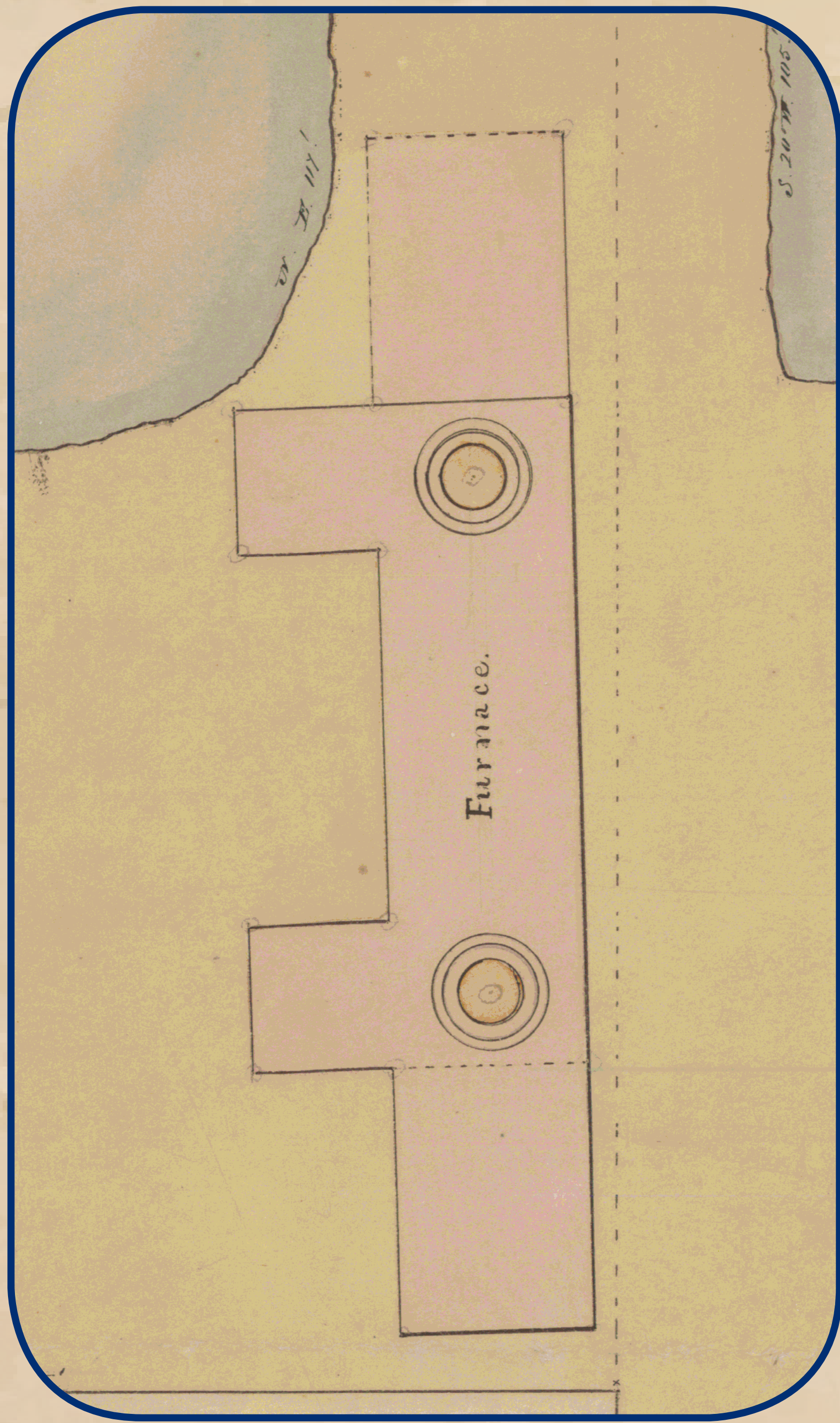


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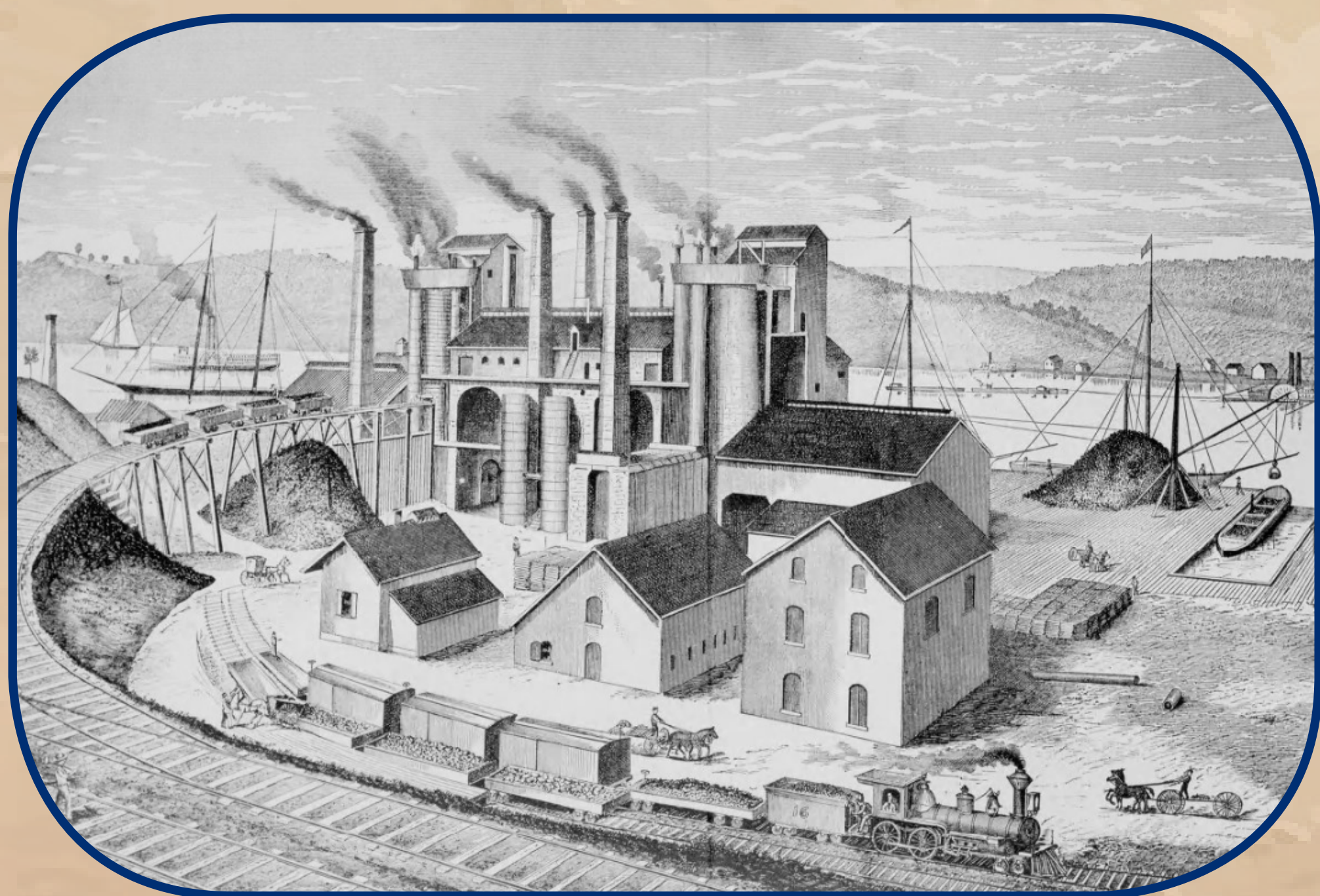
The discovery of iron ore in the Hudson River Valley occurred during the first exploration and settlement of the area by the English in the 1730s. Due to a large abundance of iron ore, the need for iron works was evident and the first iron works, the Sterling Forge and Furnace Company, was established in 1736 by Cornelius Board and Timothy Ward.

Falkill Iron Works

In the city of Poughkeepsie, the Falkill Iron Works was established in 1860 by iron works mogul, Albert Tower. Tower came to the city to be the superintendent and part owner of the Poughkeepsie Iron Works. Tower appointed James Emott as the president of the Falkill Iron Works when it opened.



The main two smoke stacks for the furnace were constructed in 1860 and were 60 feet tall by 16 feet wide.



The Falkill Iron Works ceased operations in 1913 due to competition from other iron ore discoveries and operations in the midwest.



Lands at the Falkill Iron Works showing the furnace with smoke stacks, nearby Hudson River Railroad line, and a grant for lands under water next to the works, 1862.